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This piece by a Rolling Stone writer is interesting, but even more interesting is the fact that the NY Times printed it on its Op Ed page. In the past, the Chinese have charged that the Russians and Americans were cooking up a plot against Peking, but I've not seen this seriously suggested elsewhere. Nixon might feel driven to something of the sort, but I have trouble fitting Kissinger into the picture. His whole training has been to fear Russia rather than China, although there's always the question of at what impressionable age he may have read Oswald Spengler's "Decline of the West." Do you recall any serious hints pointing toward what Thompson suggests ?

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